(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Due to budgetary constraints, at present no new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Civil/Defence Sectors are being opened.

National Institute of Adult Education

2443. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Adult Education is likely to be disbanded in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the work which was entrusted to the Institute; and

(d) the organisation to which the Institute's workload would be transferred in the event of its closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision is based on the recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission, which was of the view that the National Institute of Adult Education is a weak institution and hardly equipped to perform meaningful academic or supervisory functions.

(c) The National Institute of Adult Education was supposed to perform the following main functions:

- to provide academic and technical resource support for the implementation of adult education programmes;
- to organize training programmes and academic courses;
- to work for the improvement of the content and process of adult education programmes;
- to prepare media materials and harnessing of traditional and non-traditional media.

(d) Adult education programmes can be effectively supported and planned through the Directorate of Adult Education.